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94/1. Expression of appreciation to Mr. Luis María Gómez, Associate Administrator of UNDP, 1990-1994

The Executive Board

Notes with regret that Mr. Luis María Gómez, Associate Administrator since 1990, is resigning and wishes to thank him most sincerely for the dedicated, highly effective and good humoured way in which he made an exceptional contribution to the work of the United Nations Development Programme. The Executive Board wishes him and his family every success in the future: Good luck Luis!

15 February 1994

94/2. Future sessions of the Executive Board

The Executive Board

Agrees to the following schedule of future meetings of the Board subject to the approval of the Committee on Conferences and, in case of the October meeting, of the General Assembly:

(a) A regular session from 10 to 13 May 1994 in New York;

(b) The annual session from 6 to 17 June 1994 at Geneva with UNDP subjects to be taken up during the first week of the session and subjects relating to UNFPA and United Nations technical cooperation activities to be taken up during the second week;

(c) A regular session of three days' duration beginning around 6 October 1994 in New York, immediately following the conclusion of the G-77 meeting;

(d) The first regular session 1995 from 10 to 13 January 1995 in New York.

16 and 18 February 1994

94/3. Summary records

The Executive Board

Decides to replace the summary records for the regular sessions of the Board with a report prepared by the secretariat, which will also contain the decisions taken by the Board. This report will be distributed to all members of the Programme a few weeks after the session and will be approved at the following session of the Board.

18 February 1994

94/4. Format of reports

The Executive Board

Decides that reports from the secretariat shall normally consist of no more than three pages and include sections identifying the objective of the report, means of implementation and the decision requested of the Board. Where unavoidable, additional information shall be provided in an annex or addendum to the report.

18 February 1994

94/5. HIV and Development: National Professional Officers

The Executive Board

Authorizes the Administrator to complete the hiring of 22 National Officer posts as per Governing Council decision 93/35 on the condition that:

(a) The HIV/AIDS Inter-Agency Working Group reviews the terms of reference and proposed locations of these 22 positions and agrees in writing that they are consistent with a longer-term staffing strategy compatible with the establishment of a joint co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS;

(b) The contracts will be of a six-month duration only and will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its October 1994 session before further approval is given;

(c) The Administrator gives firm assurances to the Executive Board that any activity of the Programme now and in the future will be fully integrated with, complementary to, and non-duplicative of existing activities of other United Nations agencies in this field and fully compatible with a joint co-sponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS;

(d) The United Nations Development Programme treat with urgency negotiation of a joint co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS and bring to the May regular session of the Executive Board further information on how it will integrate its activities in HIV/AIDS with such a programme so that the Executive Board can work towards a recommendation of a joint co-sponsored programme to the Economic and Social Council no later than July 1994.

18 February 1994

94/6. United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS

The Executive Board

1. Encourages the United Nations Development Programme to continue to participate actively in the ongoing negotiations among the secretariats of the

United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Bank to establish with urgency a United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS and to ensure that a proposal is put before the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994;

2. Supports participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the new United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS;

3. Reaffirms that country coordination of the joint and co-sponsored programme should be undertaken within the framework of General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/7 of 22 July 1993;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to recruit the 22 National Officers as per decision 93/35 of 18 June 1993, taking into consideration the future need to adjust the terms of reference for the 22 positions to make them compatible with the United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS;

5. Requests the Administrator to report on the activities of these 22 National Professional Officers to the Executive Board at its second regular session 1995;

6. Requests the Administrator to transmit the present decision to the other co-sponsoring organizations as well as to the Economic and Social Council.

10 May 1994

94/7. United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the Report of the Administrator on the United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources programme;

2. Requests the Administrator to explore creative means to support the continued growth of the United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources programme, including the application of funding, where appropriate, from the Special Programme Resources, in areas where the programme is conducting innovative and experimental work in support of sustainable human development;

3. Requests the Administrator to encourage special contributions from the private and public sectors of developed and developing countries to the United Nations Volunteers Special Voluntary Fund for innovative United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources activities.

12 May 1994

94/8. Granting of indicative planning figure resources to Albania

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1994/4 and its annex;

2. Decides, in view of Albania's current and near-term circumstances of severe poverty and extremely low per capita income, to authorize the Administrator to allocate an additional $1.6 million to the fifth cycle indicative planning figure resources available to Albania on an exceptional and one-time basis. The amount will be adjusted in accordance with any future revisions in indicative planning figures that the Executive Board may approve at its 1994 annual session.

13 May 1994

94/9. United Nations Volunteers

The Executive Board

1. Notes the range of roles being undertaken by the United Nations Volunteers, encompassing its participation in the full development-humanitarian relief-peace continuum as described in the report of the Administrator (DP/1994/28);

2. Invites the Administrator to designate the United Nations Volunteers as manager of the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals initiative in addition to the United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources programme, which has already merged with the United Nations Volunteers;

3. Authorizes the United Nations Volunteers to commit funds, on a fully funded basis, on receipt of written pledges rather than on receipt of the funds, as concerns the general purpose component of the Special Voluntary Fund; and

4. Requests the Administrator to continue to seek more financial resources for assured and firm funding for the Domestic Development Services programme.

13 May 1994

94/10. Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session 1994

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the second regular session 1994 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Approved the agenda and work plan for its second regular session 1994 (DP/1994/L.2);

Approved the report of the first regular session 1994 (DP/1994/2);

Decided to abolish the summary records for its annual sessions;

ITEM 2: OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES

Decided to defer decision-taking to the 1994 annual session and to hold open-ended informal consultations on this subject before the 1994 annual session;

ITEM 3: PROGRAMME-LEVEL ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE

Took note of the report on the role of UNDP in humanitarian affairs (DP/1994/13);

Adopted decision 94/6 of 10 May 1994 on the United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS;

ITEM 4: MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMING CYCLES

Adopted decision 94/8 of 13 May 1994 on the granting of indicative planning figure to Albania;

ITEM 5: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES, MID-TERM REVIEWS AND RELATED MATTERS

Approved the following country programmes:

Fourth country programme for Albania (DP/CP/ALB/4)

Fifth country programme for Guyana (DP/CP/GUY/5)

Fifth country programme for the Islamic Republic of Iran (DP/CP/IRA/5)

Sixth country programme for Kenya (DP/CP/KEN/6)

Fifth country programme for Madagascar (DP/CP/MAG/5)

First country programme for Slovakia (DP/CP/SLO/1)

Authorized the Administrator to approve projects on a case-by-case basis for the following countries: Angola (DP/1994/8); Congo (DP/1994/21); Togo (DP/1994/42); Zaire (DP/1994/43);

Took note of the following reports: (a) Advancement of the fifth country programme for the United Republic of Tanzania (DP/1994/15); (b) Review of the fourth country programme for Equatorial Guinea (DP/1994/30);

Considered the report on assistance to the Union of Myanmar (DP/1994/17); the views expressed are reflected in the report of the session;

Took note of the report on assistance to Cambodia (DP/1994/25) and approved an advance commitment of an additional $12 million as suggested in paragraph 18 of the report;

Took note of the third intercountry programme for the Arab States (DP/RAB/3);

Took note of the report on progress and results of UNDP efforts in Somalia (DP/1994/3);

Took note of the report on impact of the overall enabling environment of the Sudan on the implementation of the fourth country programme (DP/1994/16);

Took note of the report on the field visit to Albania and Uzbekistan (DP/1994/CRP.1);

Mid-term review reports

Took note of the arrangements for submission of mid-term reviews (DP/1994/6 and DP/1994/41);

Took note of the mid-term review reports on: (a) Fifth country programme for Zambia (DP/1994/6/Add.1); (b) Fourth country programme for Cape Verde (DP/1994/41/Add.1); (c) Fourth country programme for India (DP/1994/6/Add.2); (d) Fourth country programme for Indonesia (DP/1994/6/Add.3); (e) Third country programme for China (DP/1994/41/Add.2);

ITEM 6: EVALUATION

Took note of the annual report on evaluation (DP/1994/24);

ITEM 7: OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

Adopted decision 94/9 of 13 May 1994 on United Nations Volunteers;

Adopted decision 94/7 of 12 May 1994 on United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources;

Took note of the report on: (a) United Nations Fund for Science and

Technology for Development; (b) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration; (c) Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (DP/1994/29);

Took note of the report on the United Nations Capital Development Fund (DP/1994/33) and encouraged the Fund to continue its efforts to identify increased sources of financing, including those from non-traditional donors;

ITEM 8: OTHER MATTERS

Adopted the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF II) as the basis for the participation of UNDP as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (DP/1994/60).

13 May 1994

94/11. Matters relating to the programming cycles: South Africa

The Executive Board

1. Welcomes the Republic of South Africa as recipient country in the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Decides to authorize the Administrator to allocate an indicative planning figure of $10 million to the Republic of South Africa for the remaining period of the fifth cycle, as recommended in annex II of document DP/1994/38.

8 June 1994

94/12. Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's intention to strengthen the coordinating and central funding roles of the United Nations Development Programme in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/199, and other relevant resolutions and to ensure that the Office for Project Services will undertake implementation rather than funding activities;

2. Recognizes the need for a self-financing Office for Project Services, which should become a separate and identifiable entity, without the establishment of a separate administrative apparatus;

3. Stresses the importance of OPS continuing to operate within the United Nations development system and not becoming a new agency;

4. Underlines the need to enhance further the role of the Executive Board in providing overall policy guidance for and supervision of OPS;

5. Recommends to the General Assembly that, instead of the merger proposed in Governing Council decision 93/42 of 18 June 1993, the Office for Project Services should become a separate and identifiable entity in a form that does not create a new agency and in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme and other operational entities, whose administrative support, including that relating to financial and personnel matters, will continue to be provided by UNDP and that the Office should continue to work through the UNDP field network;

6. Agrees in principle to the Secretary-General's proposal to establish, within existing resources, a Management Coordinating Committee for the Office for Project Services in order to address certain perceived conflicts of interest between the coordinating and implementing roles of the United Nations Development Programme, subject to consideration of a report to be prepared by the Administrator in consultation with the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management and the Under-Secretary-General for Development Support and Management Services, on its precise role and functions at its third regular session in 1994;

7. Endorses the Secretary-General's recommendation that the Committee would consist of:

Chairman: The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Members: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

The Under-Secretary-General for Development Support and Management Services

Secretary: The Executive Director of the Office for Project Services;

8. Decides that, subject to paragraph 6 of the present decision, the Executive Director will report to the Secretary-General and the Executive Board through the Management Coordinating Committee;

9. Agrees also in principle to the Secretary-General's proposal to establish, within existing resources, an Office for Project Services Users Advisory Group, under the chairmanship of the Under-Secretary-General for Development Support and Management Services, with the responsibility of ensuring that the Office for Project Services is fully aware of the concerns of United Nations organizations and others who utilize its services and with the responsibility of making appropriate recommendations;

10. Requests the Executive Director of the Office for Project Services, in collaboration with the Administrator and subject to the approval of the recommendation in paragraph 5 above by the General Assembly, to report to the Executive Board no later than at its third regular session through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on ways of establishing the Office for Project Services as a separate and identifiable entity and of increasing the transparency of its operations, including proposals concerning:

(a) The precise role and composition of the Office for Project Services Users Advisory Group;

(b) The establishment of a separate contracts committee;

(c) Any necessary revision of the financial and procurement rules of the United Nations Development Programme as they apply to the Office for Project Services in order to ensure the efficiency of the office and to enable it to work in a businesslike manner;

(d) More transparent accounting procedures for the Office for Project Services, including improved auditing;

(e) The responsibility of the Office for Project Services in personnel matters;

(f) Ways of ensuring that the Office for Project Services perform implementation functions and that it operate on a self-financing basis.

9 June 1994

94/13. Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator contained in document DP/1994/12;

2. Encourages the Administrator, African countries and the international community to continue to support the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

3. Also encourages the United Nations Development Programme to continue to participate in dialogue on resolving Africa's debt problems;

4. Requests the Administrator to report annually to the Executive Board on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.

9 June 1994

94/14. Future of UNDP

The Executive Board

1. Commends the Administrator on his report entitled "Initiatives for change" (DP/1994/39), and welcomes the initiatives proposed therein;

2. Supports the global framework for the United Nations Development Programme set out in the report and agrees that the overall mission of UNDP should be to assist programme countries in their endeavour to realize

sustainable human development, in line with their national development programmes and priorities;

3. Encourages the Administrator to continue his efforts to focus the programme of UNDP by operationalizing the three goals and four priority areas outlined in the report, taking into account the views expressed at the 1994 annual session and the ongoing discussions on the successor arrangements to the fifth programming cycle;

4. Emphasizes that national development priorities shall be the primary determinant of UNDP-supported programmes, which must remain country-driven;

5. Takes note of the organizational restructuring proposed by the Administrator to enhance the ability of UNDP to fulfil its mission, and encourages the Administrator to undertake the necessary adjustments to this end;

6. Requests the Administrator to report back to the Executive Board at the 1995 annual session on his progress in moving the agenda of UNDP forward as outlined in paragraph 3 of the present decision.

10 June 1994

94/15. 1994 Human Development Report

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the observations of a number of delegations at the 1994 annual session with regard to the 1994 Human Development Report;

2. Welcomes the Administrator's intention to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies used in the report with a view towards improving its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence;

3. Takes note of the Administrator's intention to report back to the Board on this issue at its annual session 1995.

10 June 1994

94/16. Mid-term review of the fifth programming cycle

The Executive Board

1. Notes the revised resource framework for the fifth cycle as set out in document DP/1994/18;

2. Approves the expenditure targets specified for indicative planning figures and Special Programme Resources as outlined in table 1 of document DP/1994/18;

3. Approves revised indicative planning figures for individual countries and programmes and Special Programme Resources as set out respectively in tables 2 and 3 of document DP/1994/18, at 70 per cent of originally established levels, while urging the Administrator to continue his endeavour to find resources to enable the restoration of indicative planning figures to the original levels and report back on the results of his efforts to the Board at its next regular session;

4. Authorizes the Administrator to redeploy resources within each Special Programme Resources programme category as set out in paragraph 16 of document DP/1994/18, excluding region-specific subprogrammes;

5. Approves borrowing arrangements as set out in paragraph 19 of document DP/1994/18;

6. Takes note of the proposals of the Administrator to redeploy resources within the revised earmarkings for support cost arrangements, described in section II D of document DP/1994/18, but defers consideration to the October session 1994 of the Board, when the subject of support cost arrangements is to be reviewed.

10 June 1994

94/17. Issues relating to the sixth programming cycle

The Executive Board

1. Reaffirms the principles of eligibility of all recipient countries on the basis of the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations Development System, which are, inter alia, universality, neutrality, multilateralism, the voluntary and grant nature of assistance and the capacity to respond to the needs of all recipient countries in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development;

2. Notes that the debate on the future role of the United Nations Development Programme is closely linked with the process leading to a decision on the next programming period;

3. Considers document DP/1994/20 an important contribution to consultations on establishing the structure of the next programming period of the United Nations Development Programme, and notes that it identifies the following clusters of issues:

(a) Programming objectives;

(b) Resource distribution;

(c) Financing mechanisms;

4. Decides to continue its consideration of these issues at its upcoming regular sessions, with a view to reaching a final decision on the next programming period at its 1995 annual session;

5. Requests the Administrator to outline a possible structure of further deliberations and to prepare further documentation for the third regular session of the Board, addressing in particular the following points:

(a) The development of the Administrator's "Initiatives for change" as he intends to apply them to the next programming period;

(b) Options for the revision of the indicative planning figure programming framework;

(c) Options for the revision of resource distribution methodology, including:

(i) Eligibility criteria and graduation;

(ii) Supplementary criteria and weights.

10 June 1994

94/18. Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 1994

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The Executive Board

Recalls that during the United Nations Development Programme segment of the annual session 1994 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Approved the agenda and the work plan for its annual session 1994 with the decisions regarding items 5 and 8 indicated below under these items (DP/1993/L.3);

Approved the report of the second regular session 1994 with the comments received (DP/1994/9);

ITEM 2: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND RELATED MATTERS

Took note of the following reports:

Annual report of the Administrator for 1993 (DP/1994/10 and Add.1-5 and DP/1994/10/Add.2/Corr.2);

UNDP follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199 (DP/1994/22);

Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (DP/1994/11);

Adopted decision 94/15 of 10 June 1994 on the 1994 Human Development Report;

Adopted decision 94/13 of 9 June 1994 on the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

ITEM 3: FUTURE OF UNDP

Adopted decision 94/14 of 10 June 1994 on the future of the United Nations Development Programme;

ITEM 4: MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMING CYCLES

Adopted decision 94/16 of 10 June 1994 on the mid-term review of the fifth programming cycle;

Adopted decision 94/17 of 10 June 1994 on issues relating to the sixth programming cycle;

Adopted decision 94/11 of 8 June 1994 entitled "Matters relating to the programming cycles: South Africa", in which the Republic of South Africa was welcomed as a recipient country;

ITEM 5: LOCATION OF UNDP/UNFPA HEADQUARTERS

Decided not to consider this agenda item;

ITEM 8: UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Decided to postpone consideration of United Nations technical cooperation activities to the third regular session 1994;

ITEM 9: OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES

Adopted decision 94/12 of 9 June 1994 on the Office for Project Services.

10 June 1994

B

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the UNFPA segment of the annual session 1994 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Agreed on the work plan for the UNFPA segment with the changes suggested, including the decision of the Executive Board taken on 9 June 1994 to postpone its consideration of the field visit reports to the third regular session; it was also agreed that future field visit reports should be considered only at regular sessions;

Approved the report of the annual session 1994 with the comments received (future DP/1994/55);

Adopted decision 94/24 of 16 June 1994 on documentation.

Agreed to decide dates for future sessions at the third regular session 1994 based on the following reservations made:

Regular session: 10-13 January 1995

Regular session: 24-26 April 1995

Annual session: 5-16 June 1995

Regular session: 25-29 September 1995

ITEM 6: UNFPA: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROGRAMME-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

Took note of the following reports:

Annual report of the Executive Director for 1993 (DP/1994/44)

Update on the UNFPA Review and Assessment Exercise (DP/1994/48)

Periodic report on evaluation (DP/1994/46)

Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved country programmes and projects (DP/1994/49)

Adopted decision 94/19 of 16 June 1994 on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs in Developing Countries in the 1990s;

Adopted decision 94/20 of 16 June 1994 on the work plan for 1995-1998 and request for programme expenditure authority;

Adopted decision 94/21 of 16 June 1994 on the Commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund;

Adopted decision 94/22 of 16 June 1994 on the United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS;

Adopted decision 94/23 of 16 June 1994 on implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199;

ITEM 7: UNFPA: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

Country programmes:

Approved the following country programmes as presented, subject to the availability of resources, and authorized the Executive Director to make the necessary arrangements for their management, funding and execution:

Assistance to the Government of Chad (DP/FPA/CP/135)
Assistance to the Government of Zambia (DP/FPA/CP/136)
Assistance to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (DP/FPA/CP/137)
Assistance to the Government of Maldives (DP/FPA/CP/138)
Assistance to the Government of Nicaragua (DP/FPA/CP/140)
Assistance to the Government of the Philippines (DP/FPA/CP/139)

Interim reports:

Took note of the interim report on the implementation of the second UNFPA country programme for Equatorial Guinea (DP/1994/50);

Adopted decision 94/25 of 16 June 1994 on assistance to Rwanda.

16 June 1994

94/19. Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs in Developing Countries in the 1990s

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs in Developing Countries in the 1990s (document DP/1994/47);

2. Endorses the continuation of the work of the Global Initiative;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to make appropriate arrangements, through the use of project funds, to continue the work of the Secretariat of the Global Initiative for a further two-year period;

4. Requests the Executive Director to submit to the Executive Board in 1995 a status report on the Global Initiative as well as proposals for continuing its work beyond 1995, if necessary.

16 June 1994

94/20. Work plan for 1995-1998 and request for programme expenditure authority

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals as set out in paragraphs 7 to 15 of document DP/1994/45;

2. Approves the request for 1995 programme expenditure authority at a level equal to programmable resources for 1995, currently estimated at $224 million;

3. Takes note of the following estimates of new programmable resources from regular resources for the 1996-1998 period: $241.5 million for 1996; $255.0 million for 1997; and $270.5 million for 1998;

4. Also takes note of the following estimates of new programmable resources from multi-bilateral funding: $15 million per year for the years 1995-1998.

16 June 1994

94/21. Commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board

1. Recommends to the General Assembly that it allocate a plenary meeting during its forty-ninth session (1994) to the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund;

2. Requests the Executive Director to make all necessary preparations for this commemoration.

16 June 1994

94/22. United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS

The Executive Board

1. Supports participation of the United Nations Population Fund in the new United Nations joint and co-sponsored programme on HIV/AIDS in a manner as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 3 of its decision 94/6 of 10 May 1994;

2. Requests the Executive Director to transmit the present decision to the other co-sponsoring organizations as well as to the Economic and Social Council.

16 June 1994

94/23. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199

The Executive Board

Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund to incorporate feedback from their field offices, including on problems encountered, in their reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199.

16 June 1994

94/24. Documentation

The Executive Board

1. Decides that, pending the establishment of and without prejudice to the contents of the new rules of procedure, when reports to the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board have not been submitted to the United Nations Office of Conference Services for translation into all official languages seven weeks (nine weeks in the case of country programmes) before the start of the session in which they are to be discussed, the relevant agenda items will be postponed until the next session of the Board unless the Board takes a decision at any stage to retain an item on the agenda on an exceptional basis.

16 June 1994

94/25. Assistance to Rwanda

The Executive Board

1. Encourages UNFPA, given the current situation in Rwanda, to support, in appropriate ways and in collaboration with other relief agencies, emergency assistance to the people of Rwanda from the third population programme resources on an exceptional basis;

2. Requests the Executive Director of UNFPA to report to the Executive Board at its next annual session on measures taken to implement this decision.

16 June 1994

94/26. Agency support costs

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on agency support costs (DP/1994/23) and of the report of the independent evaluation of the support cost arrangements (DP/1994/23/Add.1);

2. Takes note of the status of the financial provisions;

3. Authorizes the Administrator to redeploy resources within the revised support cost earmarkings as indicated below, on the understanding that such transfers will apply only to the fifth programming cycle and that the governments concerned will be fully consulted on the use of these resources:

(a) Transfer of unutilized resources from TSS-2 to TSS-1, within the overall reduced earmarking of $120 million;

(b) Enhancement of the sectoral support facility by an amount of $5 million to finance technical support services to be provided by the smaller technical agencies through redeployment of unutilized resources remaining in line 3, annex I, of decision 91/32.

7 October 1994

94/27. United Nations technical cooperation activities

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General (DP/1994/26 and Add. 1-2);

2. Notes and encourages the steps being taken towards closer collaboration between the Department for Development Support and Management Services and the regional commissions, and other entities of the Secretariat, and between the Department and the United Nations Development Programme in relation to areas of common concern and, in this context, urges the Programme to consider greater utilization of the technical capacities of the Department.

10 October 1994

94/28. Annual review of the financial situation, 1993

The Executive Board

1. Takes note with concern of the decreased level of contributions to the United Nations Development Programme, which has led to a significant reduction in the level of indicative planning figures;

2. Invites Governments to consider increasing their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Development Programme on a more predictable, continuous and assured basis;

3. Requests Governments to pay their voluntary contributions to the United Nations Development Programme as early in the year as possible or in regular instalments over the year;

4. Notes with satisfaction the substantial increase in the use of national execution in the delivery of the Programme;

5. Notes with concern the overcommitment and overexpenditure in the Reserve for Field Accommodation and requests that a three-year plan on the utilization of the Reserve be presented to the Board at its first regular session 1995;

6. Approves the changes to the Financial Regulations set out in document DP/1994/34/Add.4, which will take effect 1 January 1995 unless any Member of the Executive Board lodges an objection in writing with the Administrator before that date;

7. Takes note of the changes to the Financial Rules set out in document DP/1994/34/Add.4;

8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to intensify its efforts to close down inactive trust funds;

9. Also requests that it be kept informed in the relevant financial reports on an annual basis of the number and value of projects and programmes which the United Nations Development Programme executes on its own behalf and which the United Nations Office for Project Services executes on behalf of the members of the United Nations system.

10 October 1994

94/29. Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1994-95

The Executive Board

1. Approves, with respect to the revised budget estimates for the 1994-1995 biennium of the United Nations Development Programme and the funds administered by the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1994/35), a revised appropriation in the amount of $607,882,000 gross, to be allocated from the resources indicated in table B, to finance the revised 1994-1995 biennial budget and resolves that the income estimates in the amount of $36,700,000 shall be used to offset the gross appropriation, resulting in a net appropriation of $571,182,000;

2. Takes note of the Administrator's reports on (a) the regional service centre concept; (b) the United Nations Development Programme field presence in the Baltic States and the Commonwealth of Independent States; (c) the piloting of short-term, non-permanent contracts; and (d) United Nations Development Programme initiatives with regard to a field presence in South Africa;

3. Takes further note of the accounting treatment of the transitional costs relating to the implementation of the 1994-1995 budget strategy, as approved by the Governing Council in its decision 93/35 of 18 June 1993;

4. Recalls its decision 94/32 regarding the Office of Project Services, in particular, in this context, to those elements that relate to the OPS budget estimates and future arrangements concerning the presentation thereof.

10 October 1994

United Nations Development Programme revised budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995 for administrative services, programme support and development activities and trust funds
(Thousands of United States dollars)

	APPROVES:	TAKES NOTE OF:	
	Gross/net appropriations	Estimated extra-budgetary income	Total gross/net estimates
I. RESOURCES OF UNDP			
A. UNDP core activities a/			
Headquarters b/	148 903.3	24 705.4	173 608.7
Country Offices	231 098.6	37 488.6	268 587.2
Gross UNDP core activities	380 001.9	62 194.0	442 195.9
Estimated income	36 700.0	0.0	36 700.0
Net UNDP core activities	343 301.9	62 194.0	405 495.9
B. Programme support and development activities			
Programme development activities	25 914.7	0.0	25 914.7
Support to the operational activities of the United Nations	93 478.1	0.0	93 478.1
Project/programme implementation services			
DSS	6 225.0	0.0	6 225.0
OPS c/	31 126.2	37 100.0	68 226.2
IAPSO	5 925.9	2 865.8	8 791.7
UNV	31 241.0	406.2	31 647.2
National execution	3 140.0	0.0	3 140.0
Total project/programme implementation services	77 658.1	40 372.0	118 030.1
Programme support d/	2 300.0	0.0	2 300.0
Total programme support and development activities	199 350.9	40 372.0	239 722.9
C. Total resources of UNDP			
Gross resources	579 352.8	102 566.0	681 918.8
Estimated income	36 700.0	0.0	36 700.0
Net resources	542 652.8	102 566.0	645 218.8
II. RESOURCES OF TRUST FUNDS			
A. UNCDF	11 778.9	0.0	11 778.9
B. UNRFNRE and UNFSTD	2 357.0	313.8	2 670.8
C. UNSO	7 779.0	3 586.6	11 365.6
D. UNIFEM	6 614.3	466.1	7 080.4
Total	28 529.2	4 366.5	32 895.7
III. TOTAL UNDP APPROPRIATION			
Gross appropriation	607 882.0	106 932.5	714 814.5
Estimated income	36 700.0	0.0	36 700.0
Net UNDP appropriation	571 182.0	106 932.5	678 114.5

a/ The Administrator is permitted to redeploy between the country office and headquarters appropriation lines up to a maximum of 5 per cent.
b/ Headquarters extrabudgetary income represents income from external sources, exclusive of reimbursements to UNDP core from non-core units. The reimbursements are already included in the appropriation estimates of the non-core units.
c/ The approved appropriation is funded from UNDP general resources.
d/ Represents UNDP contribution to CGIAR and UNDP-UNSO/UNEP joint venture.

Source: Table B from document DP/1994/35 attached for ease of reference.

94/30. Harmonization of presentation of budgets and accounts

The Executive Board

Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, in the context of General Assembly decision 47/449 of 22 December 1992, General Assembly resolution 48/216, part C, of 23 December 1993 and the observations made at the current session with regard to the format of budget and account presentations, to cooperate with other United Nations programmes and funds to work towards harmonizing their presentation of budgets and accounts with a view to achieving common definitions, particularly of administrative costs, and obtaining a higher degree of financial transparency and comparability, and to report thereon to the Executive Board at its third regular session in 1995.

10 October 1994

94/31. Matters relating to the programming cycle: Haiti

The Executive Board

Requests the Administrator to prepare for the first regular session in January 1995 an assessment of Haiti's development needs and activities in order to review the level of available fifth cycle resources for the years 1995-1996 under the assumption that in the meantime unspent resources can be used to support immediate needs of the country.

10 October 1994

94/32. Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director of the Office for Project Services (DP/1994/62 and Add.1-3) while underlining that the United Nations Office for Project Services will undertake implementation and not funding activities;

2. Takes note of the Administrator's report (DP/1994/61) and endorses the establishment of the Management Coordination Committee referred to therein and the Users Advisory Group referred to in document DP/1994/62/Add.1;

3. Authorizes the Administrator and Executive Director to proceed further with the implementation of decision 94/12, to this end taking all steps necessary to establish a self-financing United Nations Office for Project Services that will become a separate and identifiable entity as of 1 January 1995;

4. Reaffirms that the United Nations Office for Project Services will operate within the United Nations development system and will not become a new

agency and that the requirements regarding accountability must be consistent with the decision not to establish a new agency as contained in paragraph 3 of decision 94/12;

5. Takes note of the breakdown of the revised 1994-1995 budget estimates for the Office for Project Services, as contained in document DP/1994/62/Add.3, and recalls its decision 94/29 approving the 1994-1995 estimates for the United Nations Development Programme, including the Office for Project Services;

6. Approves that, in future, the Office for Project Services biennial budget estimates be presented separately from those of the United Nations Development Programme;

7. Decides that the relocation of posts to the field and the establishment of any posts shall be subject to the agreement of the Management Coordination Committee and the ex post facto approval of the Board, with the proviso that posts at the D-1 level and above must receive the advance approval of the Board;

8. Takes note of the proposed financial regulations of the United Nations Office for Project Services and decides to review them at its first regular session in 1995 and that, in the intervening period, the financial regulations of the United Nations Development Programme will continue to apply mutatis mutandis;

9. Requests the Executive Director to report annually on activities of the United Nations Office for Project Services to the Executive Board through the Management Coordination Committee;

10. Requests the Administrator and the Executive Director to submit a specific proposal for the consideration of the Executive Board at its first regular session in 1995, outlining the proposed scope and objectives for the United Nations Office for Project Services, as well as the roles and functions of the Management Coordination Committee and Users Advisory Group vis-à-vis the Executive Board.

10 October 1994

94/33. Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its third regular session 1994

The Executive Board

Recalls that during the third regular session 1994 it:

ITEM 1: ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Approved the agenda and work plan for its third regular session 1994 with oral amendments (DP/1993/L.5);

Agreed to the following schedule of future sessions of the Executive Board in New York subject to the approval of the Committee on Conferences:

First regular session:	10-13 January 1995
Second regular session:	(Following the third regular session, delegations requested that the dates agreed on for the second regular session (24-27 April 1995) should be changed since they overlapped with a session of the Commission for Sustainable Development. The second regular session was therefore tentatively rescheduled to 4-7 April 1995.)
Annual session:	5-16 June 1995
Third regular session:	28 August-1 September 1995

Agreed to the subjects to be discussed at the 1995 sessions as listed in the annex;

ITEM 2: AGENCY SUPPORT COSTS

Adopted decision 94/26 of 7 October 1994 on agency support costs;

ITEM 3: COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS

Authorized the Administrator to approve programmes and projects on a case-by-case basis for the following countries: Aruba, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago (DP/1994/32);

Approved the first country programme for Cambodia (DP/CP/KHM/1);

Took note of the reports on field visits to Philippines and Viet Nam (DP/1994/CRP.2); West Bank and Gaza and Jordan (DP/1994/CRP.3); Kenya and Zimbabwe (DP/1994/CRP.9);

Decided to consider new arrangements for future field visits at its first regular session 1995;

ITEM 4: UNDP FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Adopted decision 94/28 of 10 October 1994 on annual review of the financial situation 1993 and took note of the report of the Administrator on this subject (DP/1994/34 and Corr.1 and Add. 1-4), the comments and observations made and the assurances provided by UNDP;

Adopted decision 94/29 of 10 October 1994 on revised budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995;

Took note of the report of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the revised budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995 (DP/1994/36);

Took note of the Administrator's note on audit reports (DP/1994/37 and Add.1);

Took note of the report of the Administrator on the status of Management Service Agreements (DP/1994/56);

Adopted decision 94/30 of 10 October 1994 on harmonization of presentation of budgets and accounts, concerning both UNDP and UNFPA;

ITEM 5: UNFPA FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Took note of the UNFPA annual financial review, 1993 (DP/1994/53) and the comments made thereon;

Adopted decision 94/30 of 10 October 1994 on harmonization of presentation of budgets and accounts, concerning both UNDP and UNFPA;

ITEM 6: FOLLOW-UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Took note of the oral report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development;

ITEM 7: MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROGRAMMING CYCLES

Took note of the report of the Administrator on his endeavour to find resources to enable the restoration of indicative planning figures to the original levels (DP/1994/1)

Took note of the report of the Administrator on possible options for a structure for the next programming period (DP/1994/59);

Took note of the declaration "Main Principles and Guidelines for the Sixth Programming Cycle of the United Nations Development Programme", adopted in Santiago on 7 September 1994 by Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay (DP/1994/63);

Decided to consider again the question of a structure for the next programming period at its first regular session 1995;

Adopted decision 94/31 of 10 October 1994 entitled "Matters relating to the programming cycles: Haiti";

ITEM 8: OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES

Adopted decision 94/32 of 10 October 1994 on the Office for Project Services;

Took note of the report of the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the Office for Project Services (DP/1994/57);

ITEM 9: UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

Adopted decision 94/27 of 10 October 1994 on United Nations technical cooperation activities;

ITEM 10: OTHER MATTERS

Decided to resume the consideration of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1994/58) at its first regular session 1995.

10 October 1994

Annex

UNDP/UNFPA EXECUTIVE BOARD:

ALLOCATION OF SUBJECTS FOR SESSIONS IN 1995

The following subjects are scheduled to be considered at the 1995 sessions:

First regular session (10-13 January 1995)

- Organizational matters (including election of Bureau and working methods)
- Matters relating to the programming cycles (94/17, paragraph 4)
- Haiti's development needs and activities (94/31)
- Country programmes (including new arrangements for field visits)
- United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (resumed consideration of DP/1994/58)
- Proposed revisions to UNDP Financial Regulations and Rules related to support cost arrangements
- Three-year plan for the utilization of the Reserve for Field Accommodation (94/28, paragraph 5)

- Audit reports: Follow-up to recommendations of the report of the Board of Auditors for the 1992-1993 biennium

- Proposal to relocate the headquarters of the United Nations Volunteers programme from Geneva to Bonn

- United Nations Office for Project Services (94/32, paragraphs 8 and 10)

- UNFPA: Interim report on the programme priorities and future directions of UNFPA in the light of the ICPD

- UNFPA: Audit reports (DP/1994/54)

- Programme of work for future sessions (including follow-up to and preparations for the Economic and Social Council

Second regular session (tentatively rescheduled to 4-7 April 1995)

- Organizational matters

- Matters relating to the programming cycles (94/17, paragraph 4)

- Country programmes (including reports on field visits 1995)

- Mid-term reviews

- Evaluation

- Matters relating to the least developed countries

- Assistance to the Palestinian people

- HIV/AIDS National Professional Officers (94/6, paragraph 5)

- United Nations Development Fund for Women

- United Nations Capital Development Fund (93/32, paragraph 8)

- UNFPA country programmes and projects:

  Africa (Benin; Comoros; Mauritius; Mozambique)
  Arab States and Europe (Sudan; Turkey)
  Asia and the Pacific (Cambodia (project); Central Asian Republics; Indonesia)
  Latin America and the Caribbean (Costa Rica)

- Report on the implementation of UNFPA successor support cost arrangements

- Programme of work for future sessions (including follow-up to and preparations for the Economic and Social Council

Note

The biennial TCDC High-level Meeting is scheduled to be held from 30 May to 2 June 1995, immediately preceding the annual session.

Annual session (5-16 June 1995)

- Organizational matters
- Annual report of the Administrator
- Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199 (94/23)
- Future of UNDP (94/14, paragraph 6)
- Matters relating to the programming cycles (94/17, paragraph 4)
- Human Development Report (94/15, paragraph 3)
- The role of UNDP in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (94/13, paragraph 4)
- Technical cooperation among developing countries (92/2, paragraph 5 (e))
- United Nations Office for Project Services (94/32, paragraph 9)
- United Nations technical cooperation activities
- UNFPA: Report of the Executive Director for 1994 (including status of implementation of UNFPA Africa strategy, implementation of resolution 47/199, Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements, UNFPA assistance to Rwanda)
- UNFPA: Work plan and request for programme expenditure authority
- UNFPA: Status of financial implementation of country programmes and projects
- Report on programme priorities and future directions of UNFPA in light of the ICPD
- Report to the Economic and Social Council
- Programme of work for future sessions

Third regular session (28 August - 1 September 1995)

- Organizational matters
- Follow-up to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

- Country programmes (including reports on field visits 1995)
- Mid-term reviews
- Agency support costs (91/32)
- Annual review of the financial situation 1994
- Revised budget estimates for the 1994-1995 biennium
- Budget estimates for the 1996-1997 biennium
- Report of ACABQ on the budget estimates
- Audit reports: Summary of significant observations of the external auditors of the executing agencies on their 1993 accounts relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP
- Audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies as at 31/12/1993
- Harmonization of presentation of budgets and accounts (94/30)
- Procurement from developing countries
- United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures
- UNFPA annual financial review, 1994
- UNFPA biennial budget proposals for 1996-1997
- Programme of work for future sessions